

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of: )  
) PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
BOLDER BIOTECHNOLOGY, INC. )  
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Int'l. Serial No.: PCT/US00/00931 )  
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Int'l. Filing Date: 14 January 2000 ) EXPRESS MAIL NO. EL545148190US  
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Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned )  
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Filing Date: Herewith )  
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For: "METHODS FOR MAKING )  
PROTEINS CONTAINING FREE )  
CYSTEINE RESIDUES" )  
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Atty. File No.: 4152-2-PUS )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the Examiner's initial review of the above-identified application on the merits, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment. Fees for this Preliminary Amendment are calculated and included with the Transmittal Letter accompanying this Amendment. Please charge any underpayment or debit any overpayment to Deposit Account 19-1970.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 18, 19 and 29 as follows, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. For the Examiner's convenience, Claims 3, 6, 8-17, 20-28 and 30-31 are reiterated below, without amendment.

1. (Once Amended) A method for obtaining a soluble protein having a free cysteine comprising the step of:

a. obtaining a host cell capable of expressing the soluble protein;

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